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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM -- INVITATION FROM CANADIAN
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER (S/S 7708772)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LOWENSTEIN, ACTING

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION.

CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DON JAMIESON HAS INVITED YOU TO CANADA MAY 1 AND/OR 2 FOR
AN INFORMAL WORKING VISIT. HE WOULD LIKE A RESPONSE AS
EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. BACKGROUND.

FOLLOWING HIS INVITATION TO YOU DURING THE TRUDEAU VISIT
TO COME TO CANADA, JAMIESON IN MID-MARCH PROPOSED DATES FOR
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A VISIT TOWARD THE END OF APRIL TO ENABLE DISCUSSIONS TO
BE HELD BEFORE THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT MEETING. IT WAS THEN
AGREED THAT YOU WOULD RESPOND TO THE JAMIESON INVITATION
AFTER YOUR RETURN FROM MOSCOW. JAMIESON HAS NOW PRO-
POSED REVISED DATES FOR A VISIT--SUNDAY, MAY 1 OR MONDAY,
MAY 2, OR BOTH. EARLIER DATES ARE NOT FEASIBLE EITHER
BECAUSE OF YOUR OR HIS PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS/TRAVEL PLANS

(JAMIESON VISITS MEXICO IN LATE APRIL RETURNING APRIL 29).
LATER DATES WOULD RUN INTO SUMMIT PREPARATIONS.

JAMIESON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN, IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELEVANT TO THE MEETINGS IN EUROPE THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WILL TAKE PART IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK. JAMIESON WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ARRANGE ATTENDANCE AT A STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF GAME AS PART OF YOUR PROGRAM, BUT THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE PLAYOFF SCHEDULE AND PARTICIPANTS WHICH CANNOT BE DETERMINED EXCEPT AS THE PLAYOFFS DEVELOP.

IN CONVEYING THE INVITATION, THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS ASKED FOR A RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION AS EARLY AS FEASIBLE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE MINISTER TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR THIS BUSY PERIOD, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL VISIT SHOULD YOU NOT BE FREE.

THERE IS NO PRESSING OR IMPERATIVE SUBSTANTIVE REASON FOR YOU TO SCHEDULE A VISIT AT THIS TIME, IF INCONVENIENT. HOWEVER, AN EARLY VISIT BY YOU TO OTTAWA WOULD BE A NATURAL AND USEFUL FOLLOW-UP TO THE TRUDEAU VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD SERVE SYMBOLICALLY TO UNDERLINE THAT WE MEANT WHAT WE SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CANADA TO THE U.S. SUBSTANTIVELY IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW WITH THE GOC OUR POSITIONS ON THE ECONOMIC AND NATO SUMMITS. THE MEETING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE IMPETUS TO
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SEVERAL IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY RENEWED NEGOTIATION OF LONG-RANGE MARITIME BOUNDARY AND RELATED RESOURCE AGREEMENTS IN WHICH JAMIESON HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL AND HELPFUL LEAD ON THE CANADIAN SIDE.

4. RECOMMENDATION.

THAT YOU ACCEPT JAMIESON'S INVITATION TO VISIT CANADA MAY 1 AND/OR 2 PROVIDED YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

DATE

5. CLEARANCES: D - MR. PASCOE S/S - SEBASTIAN
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